

In the Claims:

1.-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 further comprising at least one additional lumen.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the second lumen houses scissors.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the second lumen houses a dissection loop.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the second lumen houses a retractor for cradling a vein.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the second lumen houses a tool for use in vessel harvesting procedure.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the hood is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of latex, silicone rubber, polyurethane and polyethylene.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein a distal end of the hood extends substantially to a proximal edge of the transparent tip.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 33 wherein the transparent tip is not removable.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein a rotational orientation of the scissors is fixed relative to the transparent tip.

33. (Previously Presented) Surgical apparatus comprising an elongated cannula further comprising:

a first lumen extending within the cannula between proximal and distal ends thereof for housing an endoscope therein;

a transparent tip disposed at the distal end of the first lumen for performing tissue dissection and providing endoscopic visualization therethrough;

a second lumen eccentric the first lumen and having an open distal end positioned proximal to the distal end of the first lumen for housing a medical instrument therein to protrude from the open distal end for performing procedures on tissue viewed through the transparent tip; and

a flexible hood extending from the distal end of the second lumen and gradually tapering down towards the distal end of the first lumen, the hood maintaining its tapered configuration even in the absence of a medical instrument in the second lumen, to form a smooth transition surface adjacent the transparent tip to facilitate blunt tissue dissection and maneuverability, wherein the flexible hood comprises an open distal end and wherein the flexible hood assumes

expanded configuration in response to extension through the distal end thereof of the medical instrument projecting from the open distal end of the second lumen and through the open distal end of the hood.